



News Release

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MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD UNIT DEPLOYS

BALTIMORE – More than 120 citizen-soldiers of the Maryland National Guard will deploy from the Damascus Community Recreation Center, on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 11 a.m. in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Guardsmen, members of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 115th Infantry, are being mobilized for up to 18 months and will report to Fort Stewart, Ga., for in-processing into active duty.

“Maryland can take great pride in this unit, they are a part of the historic 29th Infantry Division,” said Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland. “They are deploying overseas to protect our freedom here at home, and we are forever indebted to them for their service.”

The unit will remain at Fort Stewart, Ga., for about three months to receive additional training and then on to the National Training Center at Fort Erwin, Calif. for a month-long rotation. In June the unit will depart to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Maryland National Guard has less than 700 soldiers and airmen deployed on active duty with more than 6,300 members available to respond to a state emergency.

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Members of the media are welcomed to attend; Maryland National Guard members will be available for interviews. The Damascus Community Recreation Center is located at, 25520 Oak Drive, Damascus, Md. 20872